

HAKONE

FUJI-HAKONE-IZU NATIONAL PARK

HAKONE, wedged between Mt. Fuji and Izu Peninsula, is one of the most popular resorts, drawing a large number of vacationers all year around. It is a large region encircled by forested mountains. Highlights of the area are the varied volcanic topography, countless hot springs, historic sites, deep glens and ravines and captivating scenery accentuated by beautiful Lake Ashi.

HOW TO GET THERE



From YOKOSUKA:

Go to JR YOKOSUKA station, which is passing Daiei Mall. At JR YOKOSUKA station, ➡ buy a ticket to ODAWARA. A sign in English will show you the current fare. Take any train going towards TOKYO. OFUNA is just 6 stops away (You may have to change a train at ZUSHI station). At OFUNA, transfer to TOKAIDO Line, track #3 or 4, and ride to ODAWARA.

From IKEGO:

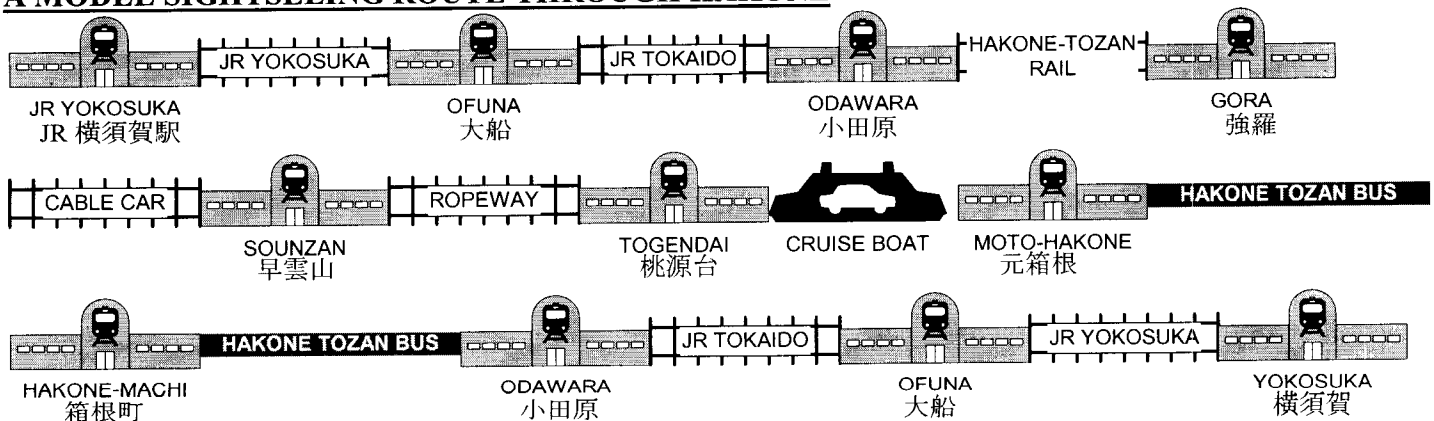
Go to JR ZUSHI station and **continue with ➡ above**.

NOTE: If you plan to spend several days in Hakone area, you can save some money on local transportation costs with a ticket called "HAKONE FREE PASS". You can buy them at ODAKYU ODAWARA station or travel agencies in Yokosuka.

HAKONE FREE PASS

This discount ticket allows you to use any mode of transportation in Hakone area. Use it for multiple rides on HAKONE TOZAN RAILWAY, HAKONE TOZAN BUS, HAKONE ROPEWAY, HAKONE CRUISE BOAT, SOUNZAN CABLE CAR and so on. You can stop at any point along the way to visit as many places as you like without buying a separate ticket for each ride. The cost of HAKONE FREE PASS is ¥4,130 (¥2,070 for child). It is valid for THREE days from the time of purchase. There's also a HAKONE WEEKLY PASS similar to the FREE PASS but it can only be used from Monday through Thursday. For adults, it costs ¥3,410 (¥1,700 for child). Valid for 2 days.

A MODEL SIGHTSEEING ROUTE THROUGH HAKONE



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TO HAKONE BY CAR

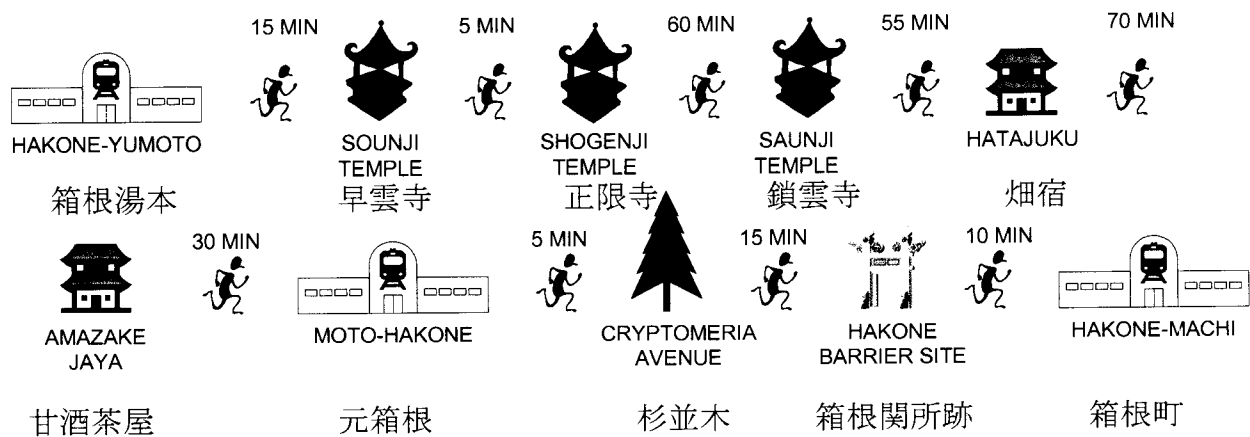
From YOKOSUKA:

As you leave the base, turn right onto Route 16 and proceed towards Yokohama. Stay on the left lane and turn left at the Yokosuka Prince Hotel onto Route 27 towards Keikyū Shioiri Station and Hayama. You will pass the Ikegami junction and the sign of Yokoyoko Yokosuka Entrance. After you drive about 8km (from Route 16), you will see “T” junction. Make a right at the “T” junction onto Route 134 towards Hayama. After about 2km, turn left at Nagae junction. ♣ Stay on Route 134, which follows the coastline of Sagami Bay, towards Odawara. You will pass Enoshima Island and the cities of Chigasaki and Hiratsuka. Just beyond the town of Ninomiya, take the SEISHO BYPASS TOLL ROAD. This will take you past ODAWARA. Watch for the sign for Route 1 and exit the bypass. Once you are on Route 1, you will begin the ascent to the Hakone area. Route 1 is a winding, two-lane road, usually very crowded on summer weekends. At Miyanoshita, Route 1 goes left towards Moto-Hakone, on the southern end of Lake Ashi. Route 138 continues north towards Gotemba. To go to the north end of Lake Ashi, turn left at Sengokubara and follow the signs towards Togendai.

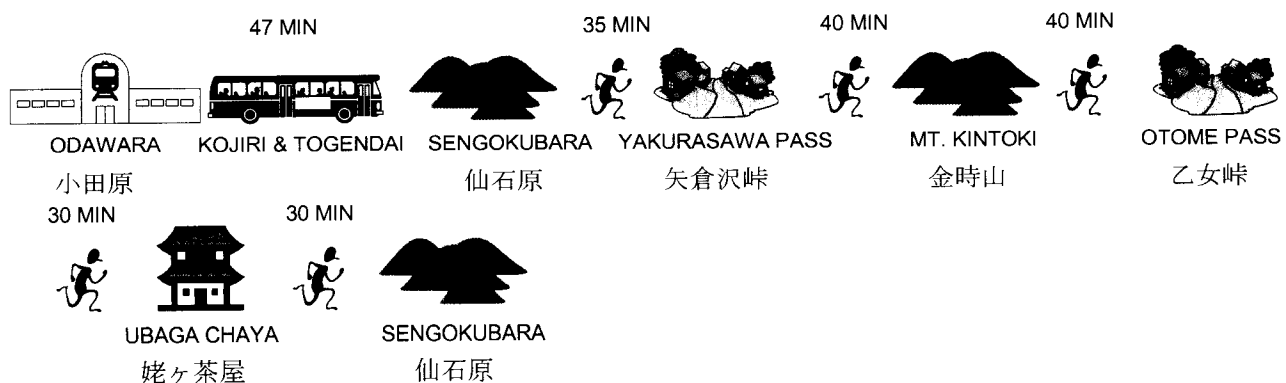
From IKEGO:

As you leave the base, go straight till you hit Route 24. Turn right onto Route 24 towards Zushi. Turn left at the 4th signal light (you will see the Shell gasoline station on your left side) onto a narrow road (drive slowly). You will pass a signal and turn right at the next signal (♣ continue as above).

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MAJOR PLACES OF TOURIST INTEREST

ODAWARA 小田原: Population 170,000 of an old castle town serves as the main gateway to Hakone district. Facing Sagami Bay, the city commands a fine view of the sea. About 10 minutes walk from Odawara station is the Odawara Castle-site Park. There you can visit a five-story donjon (main structure of the castle), which was restored in 1960. On exhibit inside the donjon are various historical items connected with the old town, ancient suits of armor and swords, and folk arts and crafts. In the park there is a zoo, a recreation ground and a folk craft museum. The coastline between Odawara and Kozu is fringed by old pine groves, offering good swimming sites in summer. The donjon and park are open daily 0900 – 1630.

HAKONE-YUMOTO 箱根湯本: It forms the east entrance to Hakone, is one of the oldest towns and spa resorts in the district. It is situated where the Hayakawa and Sukumo Rivers meet on the East side of Hakone Mountains. Well-appointed hotels and inns, and many souvenir shops, line the highway running along Hayakawa River.

TONOSAWA 塔の沢: Typical mountain spa is located in a beautiful area where Hayakawa River flows into a deep gorge. The fresh greenery of early summer and the bright natural colors in late autumn are magnificent.

MIYANOSHITA 宮ノ下: It is a part of the most abundant and thriving group of hot springs in the central part of Hakone district, together with the neighbor spas of Sokokura and Dogashima. At an elevation of about 400 meters, it is generally cool, even in the summer. It has long been popular with vacationers, attracting visitors from around the world, as well as Japan. Miyanoshita offers many excellent hotels and inns and has plenty of shops and stores selling local antiques and souvenir items.

KOWAKUDANI (Valley of letter boiling) 小涌谷: is a popular spa town. It got its name because of the sulfur fumes emitting from a cave in the vicinity. The view from Kowakudani in Hayakawa Valley and the surrounding mountains is one of the finest in the area.

KOWAKIEN GARDEN 小涌園: You can walk from Kowakien-mae bus stop. Nearby is a recreation center extending over an area of 1,000,000 square meters. In the garden is a Japanese-style hotel, a Polynesian bathhouse, a number of open-air baths and a botanical garden containing tropical plants of various species. A 5-minute walk from the garden is the “Children’s Village”. This recreation area

GORA 強羅: The terminus of Hakone Tozan Railway lies at an altitude of about 800 meters on the eastern slopes of Mt. Souzan. The location commands an extensive view that includes the upper stretches of Hayakawa River. The hot spring water at Gora is piped from Owakudani Spa.

CHOKOKU-NO-MORI (The Wood of Sculpture) 彫刻の森: It’s a 5-minute walk from Chokoku-no-mori station on Hakone Tozan Railway. This is a park for the outdoor & indoor exhibition of sculptures by modern artists including Rodin, Bourdelle, Moore and Zadkine. Often called the Hakone Open-Air Museum, it is the first of its kind in Japan. On the grounds of the park is a museum dedicated to the works of Picasso. The nearby “Gora Park” on the side of Mt. Sounzan has a natural science museum, an alpine plant garden and a tropical aviary.

OWAKUDANI (Valley of the Greater Boiling) 大涌谷: It’s a gorge emitting sulfurous fumes, which pour for the form crevices in the rocks and the bare earth, offering evidence of past volcanic activity. In the Natural Science Museum panels describing the fauna and flora, climatic and geological features and hot springs in Hakone district are displayed. The museum is open daily, 0900 – 1700.

UBAKO 姥子: is a secluded spa on the side of Mt. Kanmuri-ga-take. At an altitude of 900 meters, it offers a grand view of Mt. Fuji and Lake Ashi

SENGOKUBARA 仙石原: 15 minutes by bus from Miyanoshita is a quiet hot spring resort surrounded by a dense forest. Sengokubara plain spreads to the west and is overgrown with Japanese pampas grass and clusters of marsh plants. Sengokubara is also a sports center, which includes four golf courses. To the south, the plain is bordered by Lake Ashi. In the area is the Hakone Marshy Plants Garden where high and lowland marsh plants may be seen. The garden is open daily 0900 – 1630 from April to Mid-November. The best season to enjoy the beauty of the flowers is from May to July.

LAKE ASHI 葦/湖: a crater lake 17.5 km in circumference is a leading attraction in Hakone district. Since the lake abounds in black bass and trout, fishing is a principal leisure activity. Boating and swimming are also popular. Lake Ashi is also well known for the inverted reflection of Mt. Fuji, which can be seen on a clear day from the many points along the shore. Regular pleasure boat service links Togendai or Kojiri on the north end and Moto-Hakone or Hakone-machi on the south end with Hakone-en in the middle. On the northwestern shore of the lake runs the Ashinoko (Lake Ashi) Skyline Drive, an 11.7 km toll road that links Moto-Hakone to Kojiri, offering splendid views of the lake, Mt. Fuji, Sagami and Suruga Bays as it winds through dense forests. Kojiri-Togendai a vast plain extending over the northern shore of the lake serves as the center of transportation in the district. Bus, ropeway and boat services are available here. There is also a visitor's center with the flora and fauna of Hakone on display, a sports ground and a flower plaza.

HAKONE-EN PARK 箱根園: A year round recreation center on the eastern shore of Lake Ashi is about 15 minutes by bus or boat from Moto-Hakone. This park offers skating rinks, bowling alleys, swimming pools, golf courses and many other sports facilities. Camping can best be enjoyed here in summer. The International Village in the park contains model houses representative of 29 different countries. Find arts and crafts from each of the countries are displayed in the respective houses. Hakone Jumoku-en (Hakone Arboretum) is a few minutes walk from Hakone-en towards Kojiri. This park displays over 450 varieties of the natural plants found in Hakone area.

MT. KOMAGATAKE 駒ヶ岳: Alt 1,327 meters, with its graceful slopes, is a commanding figure among the mountains surrounding Lake Ashi. The view from the top takes in Mt. Fuji, Lake Ashi, Mt. Futago and the distant mountains of Izu Peninsula. It can be climbed by a 720-meter cable railway from the southwestern base. Either way takes only 5-8 minutes. At the summit is the Hakone Komagatake Skating Center, with both indoor and outdoor skating rinks. The Skating Center is alpine from late November to Late March. At the western base of the mountain lies the Hakone Picnic Garden, which can accommodate vehicular tourists. It can be reached by car in about 5 minutes, from Kojiri. The grassy hills offer ideal picnicking with gardens of alpine plants, wild azaleas and rhododendrons at many places. Camping is also popular here. There are over 140 North European-style LOG CABINS AND COTTAGES FOR RENT. Open daily 0900 – 1700.

MOTO-HAKONE 元箱根: On the southeastern shore of Lake Ashi, is the most flourishing town on the lakeside. It is the terminal for bus lines from Odawara, Yugawara, Atami, Mishima and Numazu as well as the base for pleasure boat services on the lake. It forms a thriving tourist center along with Hakone-Machi, 1.5 km south of the town, which was once one of the most important stations on the Old Tokaido Highway.

HAKONE SHRINE 箱根神社: 15 minute-walk from Moto-Hakone, stands on a hill on the northern shore of the lake. It is noted for the Lake Festival held annually on the evening of July 31. The treasure Hall standing in the compound contains many historical records. Open daily 1000 – 1600. The Cryptomeria Avenue is a winding road extending 2 km. From Moto-Hakone to Hakone-Machi, lined with old Japanese cryptomerias. In feudal times, the local lords and their retainers took this road to Edo (Tokyo), the seat of the Tokugawa shogunate, for their alternate-year attendance. In the vicinity of Ashi-no-yu Spa, reached from Futagojaya Bus stop in 10 minutes from Moto-Hakone, are many stone images of Buddha and his disciples and stone pagodas that said to have been carved or built during the Kamakura Period (1193 – 1333).

HAKONE BARRIER SITE 箱根関所跡: The original Hakone Barrier was established in 1618 by the Tokugawa shogunate for the defense of Edo (Tokyo) and the maintenance of order in the capital. It was removed in 1869. An exact replica of the Barrier Guardhouse, displaying life-size mannequins in costumes of the day, now stands on a plot opposite the old site. 5 minute walk from Hakone-Machi.

HAKONE DETACHED PALACE GARDEN 恩賜箱根公園: 5-minute walk from Hakone-Machi, lies at a scenic spot on the Dogashima Promontory on the eastern shore of the lake. Originally a villa of the Imperial Household, the garden was later opened to the public. At the entrance stands the Hakone Shiryo-kan (Hakone Historical Materials Museum). This museum displays items mainly associated with the Barrier, including weapons, armor, palanquins, old documents and other materials showing the life and customs of the people of the day.

ODAKYU HAKONE ATHLETIC GARDEN 小田急箱根アスレチックガーデン: A few minutes walk from Hakone-Yumoto station, is a field athletic park equipped with a number of unique devices and obstacle courses for physical training. Open daily throughout the year, except on Fridays in December, January and February. Closed on rainy days.

Expressway

④ **Yokohama**
Kamakura City Tourist Information Service
Kamakura Regional Tourist Association ☎045-681-0007
<http://www.kamakura-kankou.or.jp>
Yokohama Convention & Visitors Bureau
Sakuragicho Station ☎045-21-0111

⑤ **Shinjuku**(Odakyu Denetsu Railway) ☎03-5321-7867
(Odakyu Sightseeing Service Center)

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① **Fujiyoshida** ☎0555-227900
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Ito City Tourist Association

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